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In re U.S. Patent Application of:
Hodson, et al.

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For: **Scored Package and a Method
of Making the Same**

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This Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits. Therefore, Applicants submit that no fee or certification is necessary for consideration of the cited references pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97.

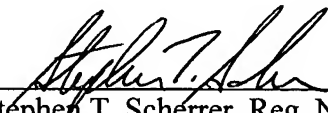
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Appln. No. 10/034, 886

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It is respectfully requested that the Examiner indicate consideration of the cited references by returning a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 with initials or other appropriate remarks.

Respectfully submitted,



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